

JUDGE THOMAS O. RICE

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

JAMES LEIGHTY,

Plaintiff,

v.

SPOKANE COUNTY, a municipal  
corporation; SHERIFF JOHN NOWELS,  
an individual; and SPOKANE COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, a subdivision of a  
municipal corporation,

Defendants.

No. 2:24-cv-00165-TOR

[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR  
PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

NOTED: JUNE 24, 2024

*WITHOUT ORAL ARGUMENT*

**ORDER**

This matter came before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction. Having considered Plaintiff's Motion, responsive pleadings, the record herein, and the Court deeming itself fully advised:

NOW THEREFORE ORDERS that Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction is GRANTED.

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1 The Court finds that Plaintiff has established a likelihood of success on the  
2 merits of his claim under the First Amendment, that he would suffer irreparable harm  
3 absent preliminary injunctive relief, and that the balance of equities and the public  
4 interest weigh in favor of an injunction.

5 The Court therefore GRANTS a preliminary injunction against Defendants'  
6 removal of disfavored comments from the official Spokane County Sheriff's Office  
7 Facebook page. Defendants are enjoined from hiding, deleting, or otherwise  
8 removing Plaintiff's comments from public view on the official Spokane County  
9 Sheriff's Office Facebook page. The Court further orders Defendants to restore  
10 Plaintiff's comments that it has hidden or deleted to public view.

11 No bond shall be required pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(c).

12 DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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United States District Court Judge

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